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Dear Sir:

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documents listed on the attached form, which documents may be  
material to the examination of this application. Copies of the  
documents are enclosed herewith for the Examiner's consideration.

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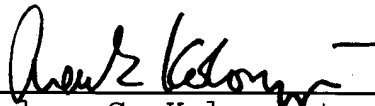
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Respectfully submitted,

  
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